THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) the details of allocation and expenditure during the last three years for major Women Development Schemes of the Department are given in the statement (see below).

(c) The reasons for lesser utilization of funds as against allocations are due to receipt of incomplete proposals, delay in submission of documents including utilization certificates etc., by the implementing agencies.

The State governments and project implementing agencies are impressed upon the need for submission of complete project proposals and timely submission of utilization certificates.

Statement

Allocations and Expenditure for Major Women Development Schemes of the Department of Women and Child Development during the period 2002-2003 to 2004-2005

(Rupees in Crores)

SL No	Name of Scheme	2002-2003		2003-2004		2004-2005	
		Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expe diture
1.	Support to Training & Employment Programme for Women (STEP)	25.00	21.12	25.00	13.78	25.00	17.82
2.	Swawiamban	25.00	24.50	25.00	19.35	25.00	7.18
3.	Swayamsidha	20.00	6.86	20.00	7.78	20.00	10.24
4.	Swa-shakti	25.00	25.90	40.00	17.20	25.00	16.02
5.	Working Women's Hostel	15.00	6.00	10.00	5.14	10.00	4.82

Universalization of Computer Literacy

36. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a new initiative has been taken to launch the "Information and Communication Technology in Schools Scheme" aimed at universalization of the computer literacy percolating down to the students in small towans and mufussil India;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the funds earmarked for the purpose, modalities formalized for its implementation and its present status; and

(c) the extent to which the new scheme is an improvement on the existing two schemes nick-named "CLASS" and "revised-CLASS" and would enable the students to acquire necessary skills needed for both the higher education and gainful employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Yes sir, this Department has launched a new scheme *viz* 'Information and Communication Technology (ICT) @ Schools' by merging the Educational Technology (ET) Scheme and the revised Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) Scheme during 2004-05. Universalization of Computer Literacy is one of the components of the scheme.

Under the ICT @ Schools scheme funds are provided to States/UTs for imparting computer education in Government & Government aided Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools on the basis of fixed ratio of 75:25 for General States and 90:10 for Special Category States including NER states. The scheme also provides for contribution of 25% of funds from the MPLAD scheme in addition or as an alternative to State Governments' contribution.

The ICT @ Schools scheme is the improved version of the revised CLASS scheme and the ET scheme, wherein one of the components relates to State Institutes of Educational Technology. Under the revised scheme Rs. 20,000/- is released for each neighbourhood school under the Universalization of Computer Literacy component, which was Rs. 15,000/-per school under the revised CLASS scheme. The new ICT @ Schools Scheme is different from the revised CLASS Scheme in the sense that it has more items of expenditure, States/UTs are free to integrate the scheme with similar State programmes, Project Monitoring and Evaluation Group (PM & EG) is empowered to effect modification depended upon changes in

Technological environment and financial norms, greater outlay for educational software, internet, teacher training, stationery etc.

Block grant Scheme for IITs/IIMs

37. SHRI R. P. GOENKA:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a proposal has been formulated to replace the hitherto prevalent formula-linked grants to certain institutes of higher learning, like the NTs, IIMs etc. by a modified block grant scheme, with a view to ensuring their greater financial and functional autonomy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of its implementation;

(c) the details of any fresh guidelines laid down for a review of the pattern of funding; and

(d) whether any stipulation has been put, say if the corpus reached to a certain level, the scheme would be withdrawn from that particular IIT or IIM?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Scheme of Block Grant (Non-Plan Grant) now being introduced will remain operative for a period of five years from 2005-2006 to 2009-2010 in respect of the followig Centrally funded Institutes:—

(i) India Institutes of Technology at Bombay, Delhi, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Madras, Guwahati, Roorkee;

(ii) Indian Institutes of Management at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Kolkata, Lucknow, Indore and Kozhikode;

(iii) Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore;

(iv) Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad;

(v) National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE), Mumbai;